AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the

application. Applicants have submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up

claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts

and/or double bracketing.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-4 are canceled.

5. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use in a network environment

having at least one client system and one broadcast server coupled to said network

environment, wherein said network environment is a distributed environment capable of

delivering broadcast television programming, the computer program product

comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein for

causing the client system to receive the television programming and to receive dynamic

content including a plurality of program indices corresponding to predetermined time

logs for at least one of the programs in the television programming, wherein the

program indices are developed according to one or more rules that apply to a particular

type of event captured by the television programming-or-according to user-defined

preferences:

computer readable code for causing the client system to store at least a portion

of the television programming as at least one program segment on a storage medium;

computer readable program code for associating one of the program indices with

the at least one program segment;

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computer readable program code for performing a search for the at least one

program segment based on the associated program index; and

computer readable program code for causing said client system to display, the at

least one television program segment.

6. (Original) The invention as in claim 5 wherein the dynamic content includes control

data associating the dynamic content with at least one user interface.

7. (Original) The invention as in claim 6 further including computer readable program

code for creating a plurality of program segments based on the program indices.

8. (Original) The invention as in claim 7 further including computer readable program

code for automatically skipping forward from the end of a first program segment to the

beginning of a second program segment in a skip-forward mode of operation.

9. (Original) The invention as in claim 8 further including computer readable program

code for automatically skipping backward from the end of a second program segment to

the beginning of a first program segment in a skip-backward mode of operation.

10. (Original) The invention as in claim 5 wherein the dynamic content received by the

client system further includes an event-based indicator, and wherein the computer

program product further comprises computer readable program code for adjusting the

record time of a television program based upon the event-based indicator.

11. (Original) The invention as in claim 10 wherein the computer program product

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comprises computer readable program code for extending the record time based on the

event-based indicator.

12. (Original) The invention as in claim 10 wherein the computer program product

further comprises computer readable program code for reducing the record time of a

television program based upon the event-based indicator.

13. (Original) The invention as in claim 5 wherein the dynamic content received by the

client system includes an event-based indicator, and wherein the computer program

product further comprises computer readable program code for causing the client

system to automatically record a television program based upon the receipt of the

event-based indicator.

14. (Currently amended) A method for creating digital video recording enhancements for

a television program comprising the steps of:

creating program event log indices marking events in the program, wherein the

program event log indices are developed according to one or more rules that apply to a

particular type of event captured by the television program-or according to user defined

preferences:

creating one or more control files associated with the program event log indices

to facilitate receipt of user input at a client system; and

transmitting the program event log indices and the one or more control files to

the client system to enable the client system to perform an intelligent filter based on

processing of the program event log indices in response to user input.

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15. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program event log indices are

created as the program is broadcast.

16. (Original) The invention of claim 15 wherein the program event log indices are

transmitted to the client system in real-time.

17. (Original) The invention of claim 15 wherein the program log indices are transmitted

to the client system after the recording of a show.

18. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

sporting events.

19. (Original) The invention of claim 18 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

football.

20. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

news events.

21. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

televised music programs.

22. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

televised movies.

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23. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program-specific rules relate to

preview programs.

24. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program specific rules relate to

infomercials.

25. (Original) The invention of claim 16 wherein the event log indices are transmitted in

a format that enables the client system to define multiple playback modes of operation.

26. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program event log indices are

formatted in the Extensible Markup Language.

27. (Original) The invention of claim 14 wherein the program event log indices are

transmitted to the client system in a batch mode.

28. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein additional versions of the program

log indices are transmitted to the client system in a batch mode.

29. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the event log indices are transmitted

in a peer-to-peer networking environment.

30. (Original) The invention as in claim 16 wherein the one or more control files are

used to create a playback application by the client system.

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31. (Currently amended) A method for processing video recording enhancements in a

client system adapted to receive television programming comprising the steps of:

receiving the television programming;

storing the television programming as a recorded program;

receiving program event indices developed according to one or more rules that

apply to a particular type of event captured by the television programming-or according

to user defined preferences; and

associating the program event indices with corresponding segments in the

recorded program.

32. (Original) The invention of claim 31, wherein at least one of the plurality of defined

rules requires an event log to be captured upon the occurrence of a certain action in the

television programming.

33. (Currently amended) A method for enabling an intelligent skip feature in a digital

video recording apparatus that is capable of storing one or more recorded programs

comprising the steps of:

receiving a plurality of program event log indices developed in accordance with

one or more rules that apply to a particular type of event captured by a recorded

program-or according to user defined preferences;

associating at least certain ones of the event log indices with corresponding

intervals in the recorded program; and

locating the corresponding interval in the recorded program.

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34. (Original) The method as in claim 33 wherein the receiving step includes receiving

an index file including the plurality of program event indices.

35. (Original) The method as in claim 34 wherein the index file further includes control

data.

36. (Currently amended) A digital recording device operable to perform an intelligent

skip comprising:

a storage medium containing a recording; and

a Digital Video Recording engine executing on a data processing device adapted

to receive a plurality of context sensitive program indices, to associate at least certain

ones of the program indices with corresponding segments of the recording, and to

locate the corresponding segment in the recording,

wherein the program indices are developed according to one or more rules that

apply to a particular type of event captured by the recording or according to user

defined preferences.

37. (Currently amended) A method for playing back digitally recorded programming in

an audio/video entertainment system comprising the steps of:

receiving enhanced content concerning the recorded programming:

receiving index information concerning the digitally recorded program, wherein

the index information is developed according to one or more rules that apply to a

particular type of event captured by the recorded programming or according to user

defined preferences:

associating the enhanced content with the index information;

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creating a playback application from the enhanced content including

functionality for creating an interactive user interface on a video display;

presenting the interactive user interface including at least one selector button on

the video display;

in response to viewer selection of the selector button, causing the entertainment

system to automatically locate at least one of the plurality of indices; and

presenting digitally recorded programming corresponding to the at least one

located index.

38. (Original) The invention as in claim 37 further comprising the step of recording

broadcast television programming while the interactive user interface is being

presented.

39. (Original) The invention as in claim 37 wherein the playback application includes

Markup language files, graphics files, picture files, scripting files, index files and other

data.

40. (Original) The invention as in claim 37 wherein the steps of receiving enhanced

content and the step of receiving index information occur after the programming has

been broadcast.

41. (Original) The invention as in claim 37 wherein the steps of receiving enhanced

content and the step of receiving index information occur during a broadcast of

programming.

42. (Currently amended) A computer program product for use in a network environment

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having at least one client system and one broadcast server coupled to said network

environment, wherein said network environment is a distributed environment capable of

delivering broadcast television programming, the computer program product

comprising:

a computer usable medium having computer readable code embodied therein for

causing the client system to store recorded television programming, to store dynamic

content including a plurality of program indices corresponding to predetermined time

logs for at least one of the programs in the television programming, and to store one or

more control and data files, wherein the program indices are developed according to

one or more rules that apply to a particular type of event captured by the television

programming-or-according to user defined preferences;

computer readable code for causing the client system to create a playback

application program based on the received one or more control and data files:

computer readable program code for causing the application program to

associate one of the program indices with a location in recorded television

programming; and

computer readable program code for performing a search for at least one

program location based on the associated program index.

43. (Original) The invention as in claim 42 wherein the application program includes

Markup language files, scripting files and index files.

44. (Original) The invention as in claim 43 wherein the application program further

includes graphics files, picture files, and other data.

45. (Original) The invention as in claim 42 wherein the application program includes

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computer readable program code for searching a plurality of recorded programs in

accordance with a user preference.

46. (Currently amended) A method for extending a duration of a record time of a

broadcast program being recorded by Digital Video Recording apparatus comprising the

steps of:

automatically receiving an enhanced user alert during the broadcast program

and at least one unique event identifier associating the user alert with the broadcast

program;

processing the user alert to determine an extended record time duration for the

broadcast program; and

automatically changing the duration of the record time of the broadcast program

to the extended record time duration.

47. (Currently amended) A method for altering a duration of a determined record time of

a televised sporting event in a Digital Video Recording system comprising the steps of:

automatically receiving a user alert containing metadata concerning the duration

for the sporting event and a unique event identifier associating the user alert with the

televised sporting event:

processing the user alert to determine an altered duration of the record time for

the televised sporting event; and

automatically recording the televised sporting event for the altered duration of

the record time.

48. (Currently amended) A method for automatically recording a televised event in a

Digital Video Recording system comprising the steps of:

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automatically receiving a speculative user alert concerning a televised event and

at least one event identifier associating the speculative user alert with the televised

event:

processing the speculative user alert by the Digital Video Recording system;

determining by the Digital Video Recording system that the event is to be

recorded based on information contained in the speculative user alert; and

automatically recording the televised event, wherein the speculative user alert

causes the Digital Video Recording system to record the televised event based on

interests of the user without specific requests from the user to record the televised

event.

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